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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of one month from December 27, 2003 to January 27, 2004 within which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Requirements of NonProvisional Application dated October 27, 2003. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

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